

The Feast of the Epiphany/January 6, 2024
The Liturgy of the Word

Welcome/Announcements/Altar Candle lighting

Prelude Hymn (H) 112

Opening Words

Opening Hymn (H) 109 (vs 1-5)

Collect of the Day (insert)

The Lessons (insert)

[Isaiah 60:1-6](#)

[Psalm 72:1-7,10-14](#)

BCP 685

Sequence Hymn (H) 115

[Matthew 2:1-12](#)

Reflection for the Feast of Epiphany

Hymn (H) 124

An Affirmation of faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God, the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. ***Amen***

Prayers of the People (insert)

The Peace

The Offertory/Hymn (H) 128

A Prayer for Epiphany

Benediction/Blessing

Closing Hymn (H) 119

Chalk & Bless our Church for Epiphany

Prayers of the People *(Liturgy Alive)*

On this day when peoples from afar came to worship Jesus the Lord, let our prayer be as wide as the world. Let us say to the Father: ***Let the light of Christ shine on all people.***

That the light of Christ may shine on all nations far and near and that the Church may welcome them with the diversity of their cultures, let us pray to the Lord:

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That in our day justice may flourish and peace come to all of the world, let us pray:

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That God's people may hear the poor when they cry, have pity on the weak and open their hearts and hands to the needy, let us pray: ***Let the light of Christ shine on all people.***

That those who persecute the Lord in those who try to follow him may see his light and be converted, let us pray:

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That all who look for a star to guide them may discover the goodness of the Lord in people full of faith and love, let us pray: ***Let the light of Christ shine on all people.***

That in our Christian communities we may learn, like the wise men, to share the treasures of our goods and hearts, let us pray:

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

**additional prayers, thanksgivings...*

Lord our God, we rejoice that you have become near to us in Jesus your Son. Let him be the light of life now and for ever. Amen.

CHALK + BLESS YOUR CHURCH/HOME FOR EPIPHANY

This Epiphany tradition is a way of blessing all who enter, exit, and dwell in your home or church. You simply write the number of the new year and the letters C, M, and B in chalk on your door or doorframe. The letters stand for the three traditional names of the Magi in Matthew 2: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The letters can also be a Latin acronym for “May Christ bless this dwelling.”

CHALKING THE DOORS: LITURGY FOR CHURCH/HOME

Leader: Peace be to this place, and to all who enter here.

All: Amen.

God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten One to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this place and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Savior. *Amen*

May all who come to our church/home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and forever. *Amen.*

Chalk the door: 20 + C + M + B + 24

The three Wise Men, Caspar [C], Melchior [M], and Balthasar [B], followed the star to Bethlehem and the child Jesus 2000 [20] and 24 [24] years ago.

The Lord's Prayer

May Christ bless our church/home and remain with us throughout the new year. *Amen.*

From buildfaith.org/chalking-the-door/; prayers by Bosco Peters (*adapted*)

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Psalm

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Prayers of the People

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